



Indian Diaspora Council

## ***Indian Diaspora Council International***

Shared heritage, aspirations and interests

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### **PRESS STATEMENT**

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#### **In Remembrance on the 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World Trade Center Attacks**

The Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC) and its global affiliates join with other organizations, governments, agencies, groups, individuals and institutions worldwide in solemn observance of the 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York, the US Pentagon in Washington DC, and the Pennsylvania crash site, which in total left close to 3,000 people dead and many severely injured for life. IDC considers these brutal and despicable acts as inhuman, senseless, unforgivable, and unjustified criminal action directed to cause tremendous death and injury while creating widespread fear among innocent citizens in the USA and other countries.



The 9/11 attacks, considered the worst terror attack on US soil since the 1941 Pearl Harbor bombing, left more than 340 firefighters and 60 police dead, as well as thousands of first responders with shortened lives and others with lifelong medical needs and suffering. It is considered by many as one of the most tragic days in American history.

We recognize that such senseless attacks in various cities around the world are meant to inflict terror among innocent citizens of targeted countries. We are saddened that such inhumane and uncivilized crimes have been perpetrated against innocent people in various countries around the world. We join with all community organizations and agencies worldwide in our unequivocal condemnation of all such attacks as we share the pain and anguish of innocent citizens affected by such tragedy.

**IDC** commends the first responders, the general public, municipal authorities, and medical facilities for their prompt and diligent efforts in providing emergency services to the survivors and their families. IDC fully supports all measures taken by officials and community groups, which aim to bring security, calm, and confidence to the people, and encourages all efforts to prevent similar attacks in the future.

**IDC** expresses deep concern for victims of the tragedy, their families, friends and associates – as well as reports of discovery of more fatalities and continuing health issues among, and due compensation to, first responders and those who worked at the site clean-up afterwards. We are very confident that people will endure these national tragedies while they retain their courage, sense of dignity, pride, values, and freedom.

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*Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC), established in 1997, is an international non-profit organization with global affiliates and membership in 21 countries with the objective to embrace, engage, and enhance the shared heritage, aspirations, and interests of persons of Indian origin with optimum inclusivity.*